GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:603
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2000
ISI ACTIVITIES IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Inter Services Intelligence has been involved in the planting of explosives at several places in the twin cities of Andhra Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the IMMM activists under the command of Laskher-e-Toiba have established a good communication network through e-mail, mobile phones, etc. in several towns of Nizamabad, Karimnagar and bordering areas of Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to stop such activities of ISI in the country; and

(e) the assistance provided by the Union Government to stop ISI activities in the said States?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI L.K. ADVANI)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.603 DATED 9.5.2000 REGARDIN ACTIVITIES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

(a)&(b): According to available information, Lashkar-e-Toiba (Let), which is sponsored by Pak-ISI, has been involved in the planting of explosives at several places in Andhra Pradesh through the Indian Muslim Mohammadi Mujahideen (IMMM), a local militant outfit. Seven cases of planting of explosives in the twin cities of Hyderabad & Secunderabad have come to notice during the period 3.1.2000 to 22.2.2000.

(c): A joint communication network of the IMMM activities under the command of Laskar-e-Taiba has been detected in the towns of Nizamabad and Karimnagar in Andhra Pradesh and Aurangabad and Dharmabad in Maharashtra. However, most of the communication was through courier and regular telephonic channels though the use of e-mail and mobile telephones has also come to notice. Further follow up action in this regard is being taken by the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(d)&(e):To monitor the activities of ISI activists, anti-national elements and fundamentalist organisations and to thwart any untoward incidents in Andhra Pradesh, a Counter Intelligence Cell has been formed by the State Government. A close watch is being maintained at all the important railway stations, airports and seaports of Andhra Pradesh on suspected ISI activists.In order to check the activities of Pak ISI, the Central Government has taken several steps which include sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and movement of ISI agents/activists. Periodic Coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. The Central Government also provides financial assistance to the State Governments for modernization of their police forces in order to equip them to deal with terrorism and other security related problems more effectively. Steps taken in this regard have resulted in detection/neutralization of various Pak ISI backed modules.